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To Mr. BAVIUS, ſecretary to the ſociety of Grub-ſtreet.

IMpartiality is eſſential to a true critic. 'Tis his province to point out the beauties, as well as the defects, of a work of learning; to proportion his approbation to its merit; and never to paſs general cenſures, but to confine them to ſuch particulars, as may appear defective. Nay, 'tis his duty to admit of every juſt defence, and even to retract whatever he himſelf may have erroneouſly advanced, againſt any performance, as ſoon as his own miſtakes are pointed out to him. This candor is as requiſite to his character, as wit, judgment, or erudition; ſince the latter qualifications, when not regulated by the former, may prove highly injurious, by amuſing the world with falſe repreſentations, and miſleading them to wrong opinions of things. — Whoever therefore is not thus impartial in his deciſions, has no claim to the character of a critic; but deſerves the utmoſt contempt and indignation. How far Mr. A. B. the writer of two letters in your *Journals*, the firſt in that of April 5th, and the ſecond in that of May 24th, againſt the GENERAL DICTIONARY, HISTORICAL AND CRITICAL, will ſtand this teſt, we ſhall now examine. He, indeed, ſpecioufly profeſſes the higheſt diſintereſtedneſs; whilſt the reverſe is evident from every article of both letters. He writes with a degree of paſſion, incompatible with the character of a ſcholar, or of a gentleman. He paſſes a general cenſure upon our work, tho' his exceptions relate only to a particular part of it; he aggravates every thing beyond its true proportion, and would have his falſe ſuggeſtions paſs for real facts: whilſt, on the other ſide, he palliates and endeavours to ſkreen the flagrant and numerous errors of a pretended *Tranſlation of Mr.* BAYLE's *Dictionary*. Is this *criticiſing*, as he recommended to you in his firſt letter, *the ſeveral ſchemes and performances, as they came out; and ſhewing the public what the one is, and what they may expect from the other?* at a time that he himſelf is guilty of the moſt egregious miſrepreſentation of the one, and is ſilent upon the omiſſions and notorious blunders of the other? nay, he recommends, in ſome meaſure, the moſt faulty tranſlation that was perhaps ever publiſhed in any language.

To mention ſome inſtances of his partiality, with regard to our performance.—In his firſt letter he had intimated, that the article ABHOLONYMUS was drawn up at ſecond hand from USHER, MORERI, and other modern authors; and that we had not had recourſe to the originals: this we refuted in the moſt convincing manner; and it appears from his taking no notice of our anſwer, in his ſecond letter, that he ſtands convicted of an egregious falſehood. Where then was his ſincerity in affirming in that letter, that we could not anſwer his animadverſions? — He then affirms, that the article of ROBERT ABBOT, *an Engliſh biſhop, is*, among others, tranſlated from *Moreri*, and the *Supplement*. This is an inſtance either of the utmoſt diſingenuity, or the moſt extreme ignorance; ſince that article is Mr. BAYLE's.— He afterwards affirms, with an air of the greateſt confidence, *that there is ſcarce an article of our additions, but what contains ſome groſs errors; that the orthographical faults are as numerous almoſt as the names themſelves; and that our work is more faulty [than the pretended Tranſlation] in all reſpects.* This is, indeed, a bold aſſertion; but, as we have given inſtances, that he has no veracity, we preſume his bare affirmations will make no impreſſion upon the candid learned part of mankind: and indeed we defy him to prove what he advances. And here we call upon him to ſhew, that our additional articles (not relating to the Oriental Hiſtory) in our firſt number, and our whole ſecond number, are full of errors; nay, that our tranſlation is more faulty than we have proved the other to be. If he can do this, then let the public pronounce againſt us: otherwiſe, let this writer, who thus wounds in the dark, take to himſelf the ſhame and confuſion juſtly due to ſo baſe a miſrepreſentation.

He goes on to charge us with a *hardy falſehood for denying, that ſeveral of our articles are meer tranſcripts from* MORERI, *and other Dictionaries*; and alſo with plagiariſm, for ſuppreſſing the names of authors. Let the reader judge, what regard is to be paid to him in this point, ſince he has aſcribed, as was ſhewn above, even one of Mr. BAYLE's articles to MORERI. But what we inſiſted upon, and ſtill do, is, that even theſe articles are not tranſcribed from thoſe Dictionaries, ſince we have illuſtrated them with notes, which are generally the moſt conſiderable part of thoſe articles: and 'tis to be obſerv'd, that this critic ventures to ſay no more, than that they are copied from thoſe Dictionaries, *at leaſt as to the text*. And with regard to his aſſertion, that we have *ſuppreſs'd* the names of the authors, from whom we have borrow'd part of the text of a few of our additional articles, in our 1ſt number; we can affirm this to be an abſolute falſehood, ſince we have generally quoted them, and particularly D' HERBELOT. But with what modeſty can he charge us with plagiariſm, ſince we acknowledge in our *Preface*, that we have ſelected from the *French, Italian, German, Dutch, and other Hiſtorical Dictionaries, all ſuch particulars as we imagined would improve our plan?* And yet this we have only done in ſome few inſtances, in our 1ſt number: and why indeed ſhould we reject an article for no other reaſon than that part of it was in thoſe Dictionaries? The ſame argument might be offer'd againſt all former Dictionaries: ſo that whatever our critic has advanced on this head, is falſe and malicious. He vouchſafes to own, that D' HERBELOT contains a vaſt treaſure of eaſtern knowledge: why then ſhould we be reſtrained from making proper uſe of it? — But we have ſtill a much greater piece of injuſtice to remonſtrate againſt, which is, his affirming that our additions will ſwell to ten volumes: this, indeed, deſerves the ſevereſt reprimand; for nothing can be more untrue, ſince the additions under ſome particular letters are much greater than under others. Beſides, we were far from intending, that the quantity of our additions ſhould be abſolutely determined by comparing our 1ſt number with BAYLE's articles; we only referring the readers to thoſe additional articles, in order to refute his falſe inſinuation, that they would make but one volume. And now let us admire the profound judgment of this critic: in his firſt letter he aſſerts, that our additional articles would make but one volume; and in his ſecond letter he ſays, they will ſwell to ten.

There is one circumſtance, however, in Mr. A. B's conduct, that may juſtly be interpreted in our favour; which is, that he has not ventured to make any objection to our tranſlation of Mr. BAYLE's articles: whereas we have ſhewn, that the pretended tranſlation (of which he is ſo vaſtly tender) is faulty in every reſpect; and are able to point out above two thouſand errors and omiſſions in their ten numbers. And is a juſt tranſlation, in his opinion, of Mr. BAYLE's *Dictionary*, of no importance; or does he think that two thouſand errors (which upon a moderate computation, the writers of the *pretended tranſlation* will be guilty of) no juſt objection againſt it? He profeſſes, indeed, that he is concern'd for the latter, only as 'tis cheaper than our *General Dictionary*: but ſurely a perſon of his judgment will hardly think the cheapeſt work the beſt: and beſides, we preſume, that original compoſitions, wherein ſo many authors are to be conſulted in a critical way, deſerve a greater price than mere tranſlation, were it as good as theirs is bad — In ſhort, upon the moſt impartial view, 'twill be found, that his exceptions relate almoſt wholly to ſome of the oriental articles in our 1ſt number, and that chiefly with regard to the orthography of the names. And here we ſhall be ſo candid as to own, that there are ſome inaccuracies of that kind in it; which we have ſince taken effectual care to remedy, by conforming to the Engliſh manner of writing them, as may be ſeen in our ſecond number. But are ſuch inaccuracies in point of orthography, and that in a branch of hiſtory, and from languages ſo little known, and which are only in a ſmall part of the 1ſt Number of our work; are ſuch inaccuracies as theſe of ſuch conſequence, as he would repreſent them to the public? Mr. BAYLE himſelf has committed ſome errors of as great importance, in his oriental articles; and D' HERBELOT is by this critic himſelf acknowledged to be very inaccurate, as we have evidently proved in our ſecond number, on ſeveral occaſions. But what man of candor or judgment would pretend to explode thoſe two valuable writers, merely on that account? Some few inaccuracies in the Arabic articles might juſtly claim excuſe in one number only: but the caſe is vaſtly different with the undertakers of the *pretended Tranſlation*, whom we have already proved from their two firſt numbers, and can from all the ten they have publiſhed, to be profoundly ignorant, not only of hiſtory and the learned languages, but even of the modern.

And therefore, as Mr. A. B's criticiſm relates only to a very inconſiderable part of our work; and his exceptions even there, are, for the moſt part, trifling and inſignificant: how inconſiſtent was it with his pretended impartiality, not to acknowledge the merit of our tranſlation; of our additions; and particularly theſe of our ſecond number? where we have corrected and ſupplied Mr. BAYLE's articles of ABULFARAGIUS and ABULFEDA; and ſhewn the errors of D' HERBELOT in ſeveral places; and given a conſiderable extract from an Arabic MS. Beſides this, all our additional articles are drawn up after Mr. BAYLE's manner, from original authors, who are quoted with the greateſt exactneſs; and in many places, even to the page of the particular edition.

Our third number will likewiſe exhibit many corrections of MORERI, COLLIER, &c. and the article of Mr. ADDISON, to be publiſhed in it, will ſhew in how accurate and compleat a manner we endeavour to do juſtice to the eminent writers of our own nation. And here we cannot but take the opportunity of acknowledging the aſſiſtance we have already received in ſeveral points from ſome gentlemen of diſtinguiſhed learning: whoſe approbation we conſider as infinitely more than a ballance to the trifling exceptions of a minute critic, who has not largeneſs of thought ſufficient to comprehend the extent and merit of our deſign, nor candor to acknowledge what he muſt be conſcious is valuable in it.

And we can particularly aſſure the public, that we are poſſeſs'd of an Arabic manuſcript, containing above 600 lives of illuſtrious perſons, which was never yet printed, nor tranſlated into any European language; a treaſure too rare and important to be either procured or exploded by ſuch a mercenary writer as Mr. A. B.

The proprietors of the *pretended Tranſlation* of Mr. BAYLE's Dictionary have promiſed the world a Supplement to it; but then they have not told us *when* this is to be executed, *nor in what manner, nor by whom*: we ſhall therefore only obſerve, that if it be of the ſame caſt with their tranſlation, as we may reaſonably preſume, conſidering what kind of writers are generally employ'd by booksellers, it muſt neceſſarily prove a work of uncommon accuracy, and extenſive learning; and we ſhall readily congratulate the world on the great improvements and advantage they muſt receive from ſuch a performance.

To conclude: whatever Mr. A. B. may think of our deſign, yet foreigners have thought our additions worthy of being tranſlated; as appears from an advertiſement in the *Amſterdam Gazette*.

We are, Sir, your humble ſervants,

The AUTHORS.

SIR,

AS you are ſo impartial, to publiſh works of genius, altho' written againſt the members of your own ſociety, I ſend you the following poem, to be inſerted in your paper, tho' it cenſures an author, who has been long enliſted among the GRUBBS. The verſes, altho' written on ſo ſimple a ſubject, are full of poetical ſpirit, and, in my opinion, not unworthy of thoſe authors, whoſe fame he endeavours to vindicate.

Your humble ſervant GRUBBEANICUS.

To a gentleman, who had bound up ſome of SWIFT's *and* POPE's Poems, *with one of* F———'s *Plays.*

I.

Say wretch, what enmity, what rage
  Cou'd thus provoke thee to profane
The pure inimitable page
  Of POPE, and our unrivall'd DEAN?

II.

Not PHALARIS, with tyrant heart,
  Cou'd half thy ſavage glory claim:
He, only rack'd the mortal part,
  But thou attempt'ſt to murder fame.

III.

Thy F———'s labours thus to ſave,
  Extreamly elegant, and nice is;
Like wiſe Egyptians, from the grave
  Preſerving carcaſſes with ſpices.

IV.

In this poſition, be aſſur'd,
  He's more conſpicuouſly undone;
For MERCURY's but more obſcur'd,
  By being plac'd too near the SUN.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.* | S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.* | W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.* | L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.* | D A. *Daily Advertiſer.*

THURSDAY, *May* 24. Her majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to give 1000l. towards finiſhing the new building of Queen's-college, Oxon. of which the queens, conſorts of England, are, by the charter of Edward III. declared patroneſſes in ſucceſſion. *DP.*

On ſaturday arrived Bazil Hamilton Eſq; nephew to the earls of Selkirk and Orkney, the bill, for reverſing his attainder for being in the rebellion at Preſton, being near paſſed both houſes. *DP.*

A letter dated Mar. 12. from James Oglethorpe Eſq; gives an account, that all the families in Georgia are in good health, not one perſon having died ſince their being in that country; and that they go on exceeding well in building the town of Savannah. *DJ.*

Sittings in London and Middleſex in Trinity-term —— *London*, King's-bench, May 31. June 6, 12. *Middleſex*, June 11, 14. Common-pleas, May 30. June 4, 8, 14. *London*, June 1, 6, 9, 15. *DJ.*

This morning the court of delegates, conſiſting of the lord Delawar, Biſhops Wilcox and Tanner, lord chief baron Reynolds, Mr. baron Comyns, Sir Hen. Penrice, Dr. Tindall, Dr. Pinfold, and Dr. Eynaſton, gave the definitive ſentence in the cauſe between the hon. Mrs. Kath. Weld, daughter to lord Aſton, againſt her husband for inſufficiency: they gave it in favour of Mr. Weld, and that all allegations, &c. were null and void; but without coſts. *LE.* — They were pleaſed to declare, that they ſhould live together as man and wife. *SJ.* — To confirm the marriage, and decree the ſufficiency of the husband, and ordered them to live together with unity, love, and content, as man and wife. *P. May* 25. —— *This* decree, *as to the* confirmation *of the* marriage, *may* ſtand good *in law: but as to the* ſufficiency of the husband, and the unity, love, and content, as man and wife, *I fear it will be* inſufficient.

Chriſtened males 149: females 180: in all 329. Increaſed 10. — *Buried* males 298: females 288: in all 586. Increaſed 26. *SJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 25. His majeſty has been pleaſed to declare his royal intention of removing to Richmond June 9. *C.* — To appoint the right hon. the earl of Cholmondeley to be ſteward of the royal manner of Sheene in Surry, in the room of his father. — And Phil. Gery Eſq; to be lieut. col. to brigadier general Churchil's dragoons. *DP.*

Yeſterday Dr. Wadſworth and Dr. Jurin were choſen governors of St. Thomas's hoſpital. *C. P. DP.* — Sir Will. Billers Knt. was choſen by the court of lieutenancy to be colonel of the blue regiment of trained bands, in the room of Sir Gilb. Heathcot deceaſed. *DA.*

The SCHEME *of a* LOTTERY, *for relief of the unhappy ſufferers by the charitable corporation.*

That the lottery ſhall conſiſt of 125,000 tickets, at 4 l. per ticket. — That the number of benefits therein ſhall be 28,169, and the number of Blanks 96,831. — That the firſt and laſt drawn tickets ſhall be benefits of 500 l. each. — That the tickets ſhall be expreſſed in the words following, viz. *This ticket, in caſe it be drawn a prize, intitles the bearer to the payment of the prize ſo drawn, within* 40 *days after the drawing is finiſhed*; and that the money be received and payed at the Bank.

		l.		l.
Benefit	1 of	10000	——	10000
	1 —	5000	——	5000
	3 —	3000	——	9000
	4 —	2000	——	8000
	20 —	1000	——	20000
	40 —	500	——	20000
	200 —	100	——	20000
	400 —	50	——	20000
	1200 —	20	——	24000
	26300 —	10	——	263000
	28169	amounting to		399000
		First drawn		500
Blanks	96831	Laſt drawn		500
	125000			400000

Died, On wedneſday at Hendon, Sam Wright Eſq; a gentleman of near 1200 l. per ann. *P.* — At Godneſtone in Kent Sir Brook Bridges Bar. the preſent high ſheriff, about 24, and married not a year ſince miſs Palmer of Kent, whom he has left with child, which, if a ſon, will ſucceed to the title and eſtate. *DP.* — *The world is obliged to* my brother *for this great diſcovery.*

SATURDAY, *May* 26. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Sir Rob. Salisbury Cotton Bar. lord lieutenant for the county of Denbigh. *DP.* — On tueſday a new commiſſion of peace paſſed the great ſeal for the city and liberty of Weſtminſter. *C.*

Yeſterday being the firſt day of the term the lord chancellor and judges went with the uſual ſtate to Weſtminſter. *C. DJ.*

The Houghton from Mocha has brought 822,400 l. of coffee. *P. DP.* — Hen. Bland Eſq; was yeſterday in a general court of the Turkey company appointed ſecretary of the embaſſy at Conſtantinople. *DJ. SJ.*

A general court of the South-ſea company will be call'd in a few days, when an account will be laid before them, how the money ariſing from the forfeited eſtates of the directors in 1720 has been diſpoſed of. *DP.* — 2,400,000 l. *DA.*

This morning the judges met in the Exchequer chamber at Weſtminſter, and choſe their circuits:

Northern circuit.	*Norfolk circuit.*
Lord chief juſtice Eyre.	Mr. juſtice Denton.
Mr. juſtice Reeve.	Mr. juſtice Probyn.
Weſtern circuit.	*Midland circuit.*
Lord chief baron Reynolds.	Mr. baron Carter.
Mr. juſtice Lee.	Mr. juſtice Forteſcue Aland.
Oxford circuit.	*Home circuit.*
Mr. juſtice Page.	Mr. baron Comyns.
SJ. WE. LE.	Mr. baron Thompſon.

MONDAY, *May* 28. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Lavington preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, &c. and the rev. Dr. Franks before his royal highneſs the duke, &c. *C. DA.* — Dr. Franks before their majeſties, &c. and Dr. Lavington before the duke, &c. *DJ.*

Orders are given for the four troops of horſe guards, and the two troops of grenadier guards, to be in readineſs to be reviewed by the king on ſaturday morning in Hyde-park. *DA.*

On June 14 will be held a ſeſſions of admiralty at the Old Baily, for ſeveral piracies, &c. *P.*

We hear that the names of the gentlemen who have ſign'd a petition in favour of the ſtock-jobbing bill will ſpeedily be printed, and given gratis for the ſpeculation of the public. *DP.* — We hear it was ſign'd (chiefly) by tobacco traders, wine coopers, and private inſurers. *P. May* 29.

The inhabitants of the pariſh of S. Margarets Weſtminſter have lately contributed 125 l. towards the new colony in Georgia. *DJ.*

We hear there is a clauſe in the lottery bill, to reſtrain all perſons (after the drawing is begun) from buying, ſelling, or letting out tickets to hire. *DJ.*

Died, on friday at Hertford John Combs Eſq; formerly an eminent turkey merchant. *P.* — Said to be worth about 20,000 l. *DP.*

On ſaturday, two perſons throwing a caſt-net in the river, juſt oppoſite to Billingſgate, brought up a new-born female infant, with its ſkull fractur'd, and the belly ript open and ſewed up again. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *May* 28. Yeſterday being the anniverſary of the birth of his majeſty king George I. of glorious memory, the ſame was obſerved throughout the cities of London and Weſtminſter, by ringing of bells, and other public rejoicings; and the evening concluded with bonfires and illuminations. *C.* — *This paragraph proves the* Courant's *intelligence to be better than that of his brethren; who, by their ſilence, ſeem not to have been let into the* ſecret *of theſe* public rejoycings.

The prince of Orange is not expected here till Auguſt. *DP.*

The ſame morning their royal highneſſes the princeſſes Amelia and Caroline attended by ſeveral of the nobility and ladies of the court, went to New Tun-bridge wells, and drank the waters; there being the greateſt appearance of gentlemen and ladies that has been there this ſeaſon. *C.*

On friday upwards of thirty families embark'd on board a ſhip bound for Georgia. *DA.*

Yeſterday, were executed at Tyburn, John Jones for robbing two gentlemen on the high way of 14 s. and John Davis for robbing 3 waggons on Hounſlow-heath. Jones at ſetting out from Newgate pretended himſelf ſick, and was not tied down in the cart; and while the hangman was tying up the other, jumped out of the cart, and made thro' the crowd into the fields towards Paddington. *C. DP.* — He lay down in the cart, and they could ſcarce perceive breath in him: he jump'd out, and ran the ſpace of 3 fields over the ditches, and was knock'd down by a countryman. *DJ.* — Davis feign'd himſelf ſick, and was brought upon a man's back out of the preſs-yard. — Davis found means to eſcape out of the cart, while they were at prayers, by the aſſiſtance of ſome accomplices, and endeavoured to conceal himſelf in Tyburn-houſe; but finding himſelf purſued, made into a field, where he was taken by the ſheriffs officers. *P.* — *Tho', it is dubious, by the different accounts of theſe* hiſtoriographers, *which of the two run from the* gallows, *it is certain they were both born to be* hang'd.

Died on wedneſday Tho. Carpenter Eſq; of the Homme near Weobley in Herefordſhire, aged 75, who had about 300 l. *per ann.* which has been above 400 years in his family. *P. DP.*

This day being the anniverſary of the reſtoration of king Charles II. the ſame was obſerv'd with the uſual rejoycings, &c. *WE.* — The rev Dr. Rymer preach'd before the houſe of commons, and the rev. Mr. Chambers before the lord mayor. *SJ. WE. LE.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 30. This being the birth-day of their royal highneſſes the princeſſes Amelia and Caroline, the former enters into the 23d year of her age, and the latter into the 21ſt. *DJ.*

Married on friday Mr. Van Nutten, an eminent Dutch merchant, to the 2d daughter of David Boſanquet Eſq; deceas'd; a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 10,000 l. *C. DP.* — Van Notten, 8000 l. *P.*

Died on monday Mr. deputy Tombes, a very eminent wholeſale China-man in Leaden hall-ſtreet, reputed worth 20,000 l. *P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

SIR,

MR. RALPH's letter in your laſt Journal has anſwered the end propoſed in the publication of mine in your immediate preceding paper. Mr. RICH is cleared of the accuſation brought againſt him, in the letter to which mine was an anſwer, of fraudulent practices, in relation to the *Mock Lawyer*. Mr. RALPH denies his being the author of that letter which calumniated Mr. RICH, but unjuſtly complains of being *raſhly wounded in the dark* by me: for he muſt diſtinguiſh betwixt wounding him, and endeavouring to detect the falſhood of a letter which drew his character in queſtion. He proteſts that he did not write it, and that he knows not who did: I believe him, and take this opportunity to declare, without flattering him with an encomium on his writings, that I have no mean opinion of his underſtanding, or probity; and ſince I have given him an occaſion to clear himſelf, he ought to number among his friends, Sir,

Your ſincere humble ſervant,

May 26. 1733. SOMEBODY.

WE have received intelligence, that the ſcheme for erecting a new religion at Scarborough, which we lately publiſhed, ſeems to take extremely; that many devout ladies in that town are greatly impatient to have it put in execution; that ſeveral gentlemen, who before almoſt ſicken'd at the ſight of a prieſt, are now themſelves determined to ſtand candidates for that office; and that (if a judgment may be form'd from the reports of ſome tip-top taylors) this new religion is likely, even at its firſt eſtabliſhment, to be honoured with a body of the richeſt and fineſt clergy that was ever known in any age or nation. It is likewiſe added, that ſeveral ladies, being fired with a zeal for the univerſal good of mankind, are for entering upon a project to have the works of Mr. DRYDEN and Mr. CONGREVE, thoſe great prophets and evangeliſts, (to which they intend to ſubjoyn the pious labours of Sir JOHN VANBRUGH, Mrs. BEHN, and Mrs. MANLY, as apochryphal writings) together with the ſcheme it ſelf, tranſlated with the utmoſt expedition into all the modern languages. From whence we conclude, that the religion, as well as the Spaw, of Scarbrough will (if once eſtabliſhed) ſtand a fair chance of being in a little time the moſt famous in the world; and that the author of it has conſiderable reaſon to flatter himſelf with a glorious proſpect of being in a few years a much greater man than MAHOMET.

EPIGRAM.

WHen Squire STONECASTLE of Northumberland,
Who long had travell'd through Hum-drum-berland,
Nothing his female readers to regale
Could find; he loſt his way, and found a tale,
In *Miſcellany Poems of* J. LEWIS,
Which, to all thoſe who never read it, new is.
The tale is good, well told, the ſenſe is ſtrong;
If any fault it has, it is too long:
Too long to ſteal. — For verſes near three hundred,
That HAL ſhould filch, his brother BAVIUS wonder'd;
And ſay'd — If thus you turn piratic hobbler,
I fear, that DEATH will ſoon ſucceed the COBBLER.

MÆVIUS.

Perth, May 10. The bridge over the Tay was begun *Ap.* 17. it conſiſts of 5 ſtone arches, viz. one of 60 foot, two of 35 foot, and two of 30 foot diameter, and is the

gyth bridge built in the highlands at his majesty's expence. *E. D A. May 24.*

Dublin, May 15. Whereas a poem was printed in London about a month ago, entitled, *The Life and Character of Dr.* Swift, D.S.P.D. *written by himself*; to which are prefixed an advertisement, and a dedication to Mr. Pope, containing certain particulars how the publisher procured the said poem. We are directed by the said Dr. S— to inform the world, that the whole pretended account is entirely false, and the said poem altogether spurious. The said Dr. S— owns, that about two or three years ago he did write a poem of near 500 lines, upon a maxim of the *Duc de Rochefaucault*, which he hath suffered most of his acquaintance to read in his presence; but never gave a copy, or suffered the original to be out of his power. And those who have read the said original will attest that the counterfeit poem hath not in it one line, or piece of a line, or one single thought, any way resembling the genuine piece. — Perhaps there hath not been, even in this age, a more impudent cheat put upon the World, than this new unheard-of practice of obtruding mean performances on a writer while he is alive, whatever liberties may be taken with him after his death. But whether this imposture were the effect of malice, or frolick, or only a trick of some obscure starveling rhimer to get a little money at the expence of another man's reputation, the said Dr. S— will not give himself the trouble to enquire. *C. May 24.*

Dublin, May 19. Last saturday the right hon. the earl of Orrery, the rev. Dr. Swift, and the rev. Dr. Sherridan, rid from Dublin to Tallow-hill, to take a prospect of the adjacent country. As they were mounting a rock, they observed a stream running through the middle of it, which fell into a natural bason, and was thence conveyed through some subterraneous cavities, but they could not any where discover by what secret passage it was conveyed out again; so that they concluded the waters were still in some reservoir within the bowels of the hill, which must infallibly come to burst forth in time, and fall directly upon the city. The doctor sent for a milking-pail, to compute what quantity ran out, which held about two gallons, and it was filled in the space of a minute, so that it runs in 24 hours 2880 gallons; this multiplied by 365, produces 1,051,200, and shews the quantity that runs from the rock in a year; so that in three years, about the 13th of november, he computes that it must burst the belly of the mountain, and emit an inundation which will run to all points of the Boyne, and greatly endanger the city of Dublin. — Dr. Sawbridge, dean of Fernes, is dead. *P. May 29.— I think, it is more likely, that it should be* starv'd *than* drown'd.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May 24.* — *Griessen, May 22.* N S. On monday about 2 in the afternoon we felt 3 smart shocks of an earthquake, &c. — *Mentz, May 23.* On monday we felt an earthquake here, which was likewise perceived 9 or 10 miles round. *P.* — *They are* perceived *much farther, in a dearth of news.*

Dantzick, May 15. The election of the king of Poland is fix'd to the beginning of june. *DP.* — *Other accounts* fix *it in* August.

FRIDAY, *May 25.* — *Hague, May 19.* The Czarina persists in her resolution to oppose the election of king Stanislaus with all her forces; and has frankly declared as much to the minister of the most Christian king. — *May 22.* The emperor has sent to Warsaw an act of exclusion against king Stanislaus, who is but indifferently treated in it. *P,*

SATURDAY, *May 26.* — *Paris, May 25.* Five men of war of 70 guns each are fitting out at Toulon, and 3 third rates at Brest, to convoy (as we are told) a certain prince in a proper time to the Baltick. *P.*

TUESDAY *May 29.* — *Rome, May 16.* Card. Cosela is sentenced to be imprisoned 10 years in the great tower of the castle of S. Angelo; is declared excommunicated, only to be absolved by the pope at the point of death; and is to restore all the money received contrary to the tenour of the apostolic bulls. *P.* — *This last punishment seems to be the worst.*

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